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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. 41191 (Sub-No. 1)

AEP TEXAS NORTH COMPANY v. THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

Decided: January 13, 2004

On January 9, 2004, AEP Texas North Company (AEP Texas) filed a petition to modify the procedural schedule. The original procedural schedule was issued in a decision served on September 11, 2003, and modified in a decision served on September 26, 2003. Because of the large volume of information received during discovery, AEP Texas submits that a further modification of the schedule is necessary to allow it to prepare a complete and thorough case on opening. The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company has authorized AEP Texas to state that it has no objection to the revised procedural schedule proposed by AEP Texas. Good cause exists for granting AEP Texas' request. Accordingly, the revised procedural schedule will be adopted.

It is ordered:

1. The procedural schedule in this proceeding is as follows:

March 1, 2004 Opening evidence due.

March 29, 2004 Staff-supervised technical conference.

May 24, 2004 Reply evidence due.

July 6, 2004 Rebuttal evidence due.

2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams Secretary